



CPYRGH **The Savage Face**

**T**HE BOMBING of our embassy in Saigon illuminates for all Americans, and all the world, the savage face of Communist aggression in Viet Nam.

It is an aggression that counts murder, terror and torture as conventional weapons of war, that will use any means to gain its ends.

Thus, Barbara Robbins, of Denver, the young secretary at the embassy who was killed in the explosion, is as much a casualty of war as though she had been in military uniform and in an area of combat.

The savage face of Communist aggression in Viet Nam ought, by this act, to be discernible to all, including those Americans and those among our allies who have deluded themselves that negotiation—now—would lead to an honorable truce and a mutually respected independence of South Viet Nam.

Communists respect only strength. We may be sure, whatever form it takes, that the American response to the embassy outrage will be in keeping with President Johnson's policy of a measured application of strength.